



GOOD CORN MARKER.

It has given satisfaction to all who have used it.

I made a corn marker like the diagram herewith, about eight years ago. It has done faithful service annually for myself and neighbors ever since, but now I find it worn and disjoined almost beyond repair. In planning to make another, because of its admirable adaptation to its special use, the great satisfaction it gives to those who use it, and the ease with which any farmer handy with tools can make it, I am prompted to send a description and drawing for the benefit of other readers.

The runners are preferably made of hard wood saved 2 by 10 inches; the outside ones 2 1/2 feet long on top and the two middle ones 4 feet long. For my use they are fixed 3 1/2 feet apart. The transverse strips which secure them may be of 1 1/2 by 2-inch stuff, excepting front piece in center to which tongue is attached, which should be 2 by 4 for greater strength. The cross-



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strips connecting the two longer runners should be two feet apart to which the tongue should be attached in the center with one-half-inch bolts, and forward of the front strip 15 inches should be bored a hole for attaching doubletree and one 9 feet forward of that for the neck-yoke spud. A deep slot should be cut in rear end of tongue where attached and a shallow one in front, so as to raise front end the right height for neck-yoke on team, so that the runners may stand level, thereby preventing unbalanced wear on rear end of runners by being tilted in front. The boards marked S are 1 by 6 and firmly nailed in place as shown, giving great strength to implement.

The outer runners or wings are bolted near the central ones with one-half-inch bolts, so as to move up and down freely. After cutting shallow slots near the ends of the transverse connections, fit them in deeper slots cut in runners as seen at M, then nail the last firmly across them.

Modus Operandi.—Run the rows by stakes. Use but three and cut them

Read the article headed "The Three Great Bills" in this issue.

2 1/2 times as long as your rows are wide, i. e., for a 3 1/2-foot marker make the stakes 8 feet 6 inches long and sharpen large end. In commencing a field set stakes right distance from one side for first through (you can guess at this) four or five rods from end set the first, the second in the middle, and the third four or five rods from opposite end, get your team with marker in range with the stakes (which of course were set in line) and the driver standing on marker with one foot near inside of each center runner advance to first stake, stop, and remove stake, bump the top end against outside of outside runner and raising same forces it into the ground as a guide for the next through; be then remounts and proceeds likewise with the middle stake, but upon reaching the end stake drives over same and stopping at the end throws up both outside wings, turns and drives up until in range with the two stakes now standing, drops the wings and advances until opposite the stake just driven over when he stops and sets the same as before, and thus continues until the field is completed.

By exercising a little care a skillful man can run "air lines" just as far as the stakes are visible.—L. M. Kramer, in Ohio Farmer.

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

The board of trade is a buzz saw. Don't monkey with it.

Clover improves the soil and makes the best "hay" in the world.

No soil was ever so rich that it could not profitably utilize the manure made on the farm.

If you can do twice the work with a new machine than you can with your old one, buy a new one.

Patrolize your home people. Sell your grain to the local buyer unless you know he is swindling you.

We take little stock in the direct shipment of grain to cities. As a rule it does not pay, in our judgment.

Look before you leap, and if you do you will not get swindled by slick-tongued impostors from the city.

The horse should be put to hard work in the spring gradually. The animal is not in the best condition in early spring.

Try peas for stock. Sow broadcast or drill. They are at the top as green forage for hogs, cows or any other stock.

Sit down and cultivate a bitter enemy to every weed that grows this season. Try to feed toward it as a dog does toward a cat.—Western Plowman.

Irrigation on the Farm.

In laying out a system of ditches for irrigation purposes good care and time should be observed. Ditch lines should be run as much as possible on the high parts of the farm, and the grade should be light about four feet to the mile being about what ordinary soils will best stand. The ditch should always be larger than is apparently necessary. Both ditch and bank should be built broad, and particular care given to prevent the liability of a little stream of water starting out from the side somewhere and cutting away both ditch and bank and inundating the field.—Dakota Field and Farm.

Separate the Flocks.

The first thing to do with flocks that are kept on farms rather than on ranches is to separate the flock into a number of small ones, each composed of one kind, and having a regard to sex, age and general condition. The weak ones should not be placed with the strong. The weather or stock flock should be in one flock, the breeding ewes in another, and the lambs in another, if the best results are to be secured.

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KITCHEN GARDEN PLANTING TABLE.

Guide to the Proper Times for Sowing Various Seeds in Order to Obtain Continuous Succession of Crops.

VEGETABLES	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Artichoke, Fr. Globe												
Asparagus												
Beans, Broad												
Bush												
Pole Lima												
Beets												
Borecole or Kale												
Broccoli												
Brussels sprouts												
Cabbage, all sorts												
Cardoon												
Carrot												
Cauliflower												
Celery												
Celery, White												
Corn, Field												
Pop.												
Cress												
Cucumber												
Egg Plant												
Endive												
Fennel												
Leek												
Lettuce												
Melon												
Mushroom												
Nasturtium												
Okra												
Onions												
Parsnips												
Peas												
Pepper												
Potatoes												
Pumpkin												
Radish												
Rutabaga												
Rhubarb												
Salsify												
Scallop												
Spinach, Ordinary												
Spinach, New Zealand												
Squash												
Turnips												

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Imperial Cabinet		50	2.00
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California Peach		1.00	3.50
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Ginger Brandy		50	1.50 to 2.00
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Kummel		75	2.50 to 3.85
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Beginning at "a locust and chestnuts, on the top of a ridge, between Ables Valley and Laurel, creek, a branch of the Blue Ridge," in sight of Jonathan Smith's, the Tazewell county Virginia; thence north 20 degrees, west 530 poles to three red oaks," crossing Laurel creek at 230 poles, the Tazewell and Wyoming road at 360 poles, the state line into McDowell county, West Virginia, at 380 poles, thence to corner at 530 poles, thence north 15 degrees, and 280 poles to "three white oaks and a maple," along the Henry Millam ridge, crossing the road to said Millam's, several times, to the corner at 250 poles, thence north 34 degrees, west 380 poles to "two maples, Spanish oak and hickory by a path," along the north side of the Jump Spurr, crossing the Jump branch at 360 poles, to the corner, "by a path," at 380 poles.

Thence north 10 degrees, east 2,960 poles to "three white oaks and poplar," crossing the dividing ridge the North Fork of Tug at 1,050; Mill Creek, at 1,160, the South Fork of Elk Horn at 2,142 poles, crossing the Ohio river extension of the Norfolk and Western Railroad near the upper end of the Hudson River, and just below the "Elkhorn" station crossing the ridge between the South and North Forks of Elk Horn at 2,820, and the North Fork of Elk Horn at 2,960 poles, to the corner, "on the northeast side of the same," 380 poles above the mouth of Buzzard creek on Elk Horn.

Thence north 10 degrees, west 850 poles to "a poplar and maple," crossing a branch at 220, another at 340 poles Buzzard creek at mouth of Big Branch at 384 poles 677 poles above the mouth of Buzzard creek (on Elk Horn.) And several branches to the corner at 880 poles.

Thence south 80 degrees, west 1,840 poles to "a white oak and maple, crossing the ridge between Elk Horn and River-andotte waters (being the county line between Wyoming and McDowell), and the head of Burke's Creek at 200 poles (380 poles above the mouth of Burke's creek on the Elk Horn.) along the northeast side of the ridge, the Little Mountain, Wyoming, to top of same, and county line, crossing into McDowell county again at 860 poles crossing a fork of Bottom creek at 1,030, another 1,432 poles, crossing the ridge between Laurel and Brown's creeks at 1,850 poles, thence to the corner, Lead of Brown's creek at 1,840.

Thence South 75 degrees, west 1,920 poles to "a walnut, hickory and poplar," crossing a branch at 156, another at 440 poles, crossing Brown's creek at 783 poles, the ridge of the Indian Ridge, crossing the Tazewell and Wyoming road at 989, Fletcher Branch 1,128 and 1,190 poles, Lower Shannon Branch 1,086 poles, thence 1,920 poles, to the corner, on Tug River, below "The Rock"